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Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified patent application prior to examination:

In the Claims

Please rewrite the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) A smart film or material according to claim 2 configured so as to be suitable for use in clothing.
4. (Amended) A smart film or material according to claim 2 wherein the discrete areas are produced by attaching a material having different fluid absorption properties to the surface of the layer.
5. (Amended) A smart film or material according to claim 2 wherein the discrete areas are areas of the layer which have been plasma treated or treated with chemicals or radiation so as to modify their fluid absorption properties.